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May 2022



Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are so pleased with the response to recent efforts aimed at encouraging water conservation. With spring now here and summer quickly approaching, we know it's important to be mindful of saving water particularly as drought conditions affect us again statewide.

So toward that end, we as a city tried to think of some ways we could help. First, we decided to partner with the Utah Rivers Council. Through its RainHarvest Utah project, the Rivers Council offers discounted rain barrels in an effort to incentivize water conservation and recycling. The 50-gallon barrels collect runoff from roofs and gutters, which can then be used for watering lawns and gardens.

We thought we could subsidize 40 barrels for our residents, to start. But before we could even advertise the program, 100 residents signed up. Ultimately, the city ended up subsidizing 175 rain barrels, and we're hoping to do more next year.

Next, the Green Committee organized a class this past month held at City Hall, where sustainable landscapes expert Cynthia Bee of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District taught the Localscapes method. Again, the response was incredible. Registration for 75 people was filled before we could even promote that it was happening, and more than 100 people were watching the online livestream of the class. As a result, the Green Committee added another class on May 2. You can find out more about the Localscapes method at *localscapes.com*

I was among those attending the class last month and found Cynthia's message inspiring. There are so many ways we can landscape the space around our homes to make them beautiful, all while saving water and creating less maintenance. It made me want to explore practicing some of the Localscapes methods around my own home. I'll keep you posted on my progress!

Lastly, I want to thank the Taylorsville Parks and Recreation Committee. They have been working so hard on our Loving Labrum Park project to improve the 7-acre community park at 6041 S. Jordan Canal Rd. On a recent Saturday morning a couple of weeks ago, volunteers and committee members planted 350 waterwise and native plants. That level of service is simply remarkable and makes me want to do more.

I am so proud of our Taylorsville community and the conscientious efforts everyone is making. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you are doing to conserve water and keep our community beautiful.

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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Ride, Run, Float 'Triathlon' Serves up Summer of Fun



The Taylorsville Parks and Recreation Committee has organized a new event this summer. It's a 'triathlon' of sorts and you don't have to be an athlete to participate.

Called Ride. Run. Float., the triathlon is noncompetitive and family friendly. "We're hoping

everyone will have a go of it and enjoy this chance to get out and have some fun," said Mayor Kristie Overson.

The bike ride/roll portion kicks off the event on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., starting at Millrace Park. This event will not be timed and participants are encouraged to wear costumes and to decorate their bikes, scooters, rollerblades, skateboards or anything else to roll down the Jordan River Park-

way Trail. Water and snacks will be provided at the finish line.

Next up is the "run" leg. The Taylorsville Dayzz 5K on June 25 at 7 a.m. is timed but you can also participate in it or the Kids Run just for fun. See more Taylorsville Dayzz events on Pages 4 and

5 of this section and go to www.taylorsvilleut. **gov** to register for the 5K, Kids Run and Triathlon.

Lastly, the "Float the River" event is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, at 10 a.m. This water portion of the triathlon will start at Millrace Park and travel down the river to Little Confluence Park.

2022 RIDE. RUN. FLOAT.

TAYLORSVILLE TRIATHLON

This event will not be timed, and participants can complete this section in their own tube, kayak, inflatable boat, raft, paddleboard or canoe.

"It will definitely be a summer of fun," said Mayor Overson. "Ride. Run. Float. Participate in one or all three."

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Police Department	801-840-4000
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Animal Control Shelter	801-965-5800
Animal Control After House Dispatch	801-840-4000
Building Inspection	801-955-2030
Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce)	801-977-8755
Fire Department	801-743-7200
Gang Tip Line	385-468-9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up	385-468-6325
(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)	
Granite School District	385-646-5000
Health Department	385-468-4100
Highway Conditions (from cell phone)	511
Park Reservations	
Public Works (Salt Lake County)	385-468-6101
Dominion Energy	800-323-5517
Rocky Mountain Power	888-221-7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801-974-6920
Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District	801-968-9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801-815-0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	385-468-3370
Taylorsville Code Enforcement	801-955-2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801-963-0268
Taylorsville Library	801-943-4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385-468-1732
Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day)	801-967-5006
Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center	801-281-0631
UDOT Region 2	801-975-4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801-743-3882

EVENTS MAY 2022

May 2 – 7 to 8 p.m.

Localscapes: Creating Your Ideal Taylorsville Yard @ City Hall Council Chambers. See additional information at *localscapes.com*

May 4 & 18 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov

May 5 – 6 to 8 p.m.

TVPD Meet and Greet @ City Hall. Meet the Taylorsville City Police Department's officers and personnel. (See Page 6).

May 10 - 7 p.m. & May 24 - 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

May 14 – 10 a.m.

Bike portion of Ride, Run, Float triathlon. @ Millrace Park, 1150 W. 5400 South. Ride to Little Confluence, then back to Millrace Park.

May 14 – 5 p.m.

Starry Nights @the Plaza. Official opening of the stage at Centennial Plaza, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. Featuring De Novo. (See Page 3).

May 31 – All day

Memorial Day. City Offices are closed.

June 8-10 - 5 p.m.

Willy Wonka Jr. @ the stage at Centennial Plaza. A Taylorsville Arts Council production. (See accompanying ad).

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication.

Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Keep in Mind These Parameters for Summer Garage Sales

Summertime is a great time for cleanup but keep in mind that with garage sale season upon us, there are some rules to follow:

- Frequency: There shall be no more than two garage sales at a residence per calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). Garage sales must be separated by at least 14 days.
- A garage sale is only permitted for 48 consecutive hours.



- The garage sale(s) shall be located at the actual residence of the owner of the goods to be sold.
- No flash sales allowed, including at retail parking lots, park strips, along roadways, parks and other private property.
- The permitted items sold must originate from the seller's residence and not be obtained at remote location with the intent of being resold.
- Signage: Any handbill or sign found posted upon any public property contrary to the provisions of this section may be removed without notice by any designated city employee, and the city can collect costs for removal.

Find the city code and more information at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.





COUNCIL CORNER

By Council Member Anna Barbieri

With inflation on the rise and gas prices soaring, get your calendars out and save the dates for lots of activities right in your own backyard at little to no expense. Kick off the summer with the first ever Taylorville Ride, Run, Float Triathlon.

The "ride" event is set for May 14 with a family friendly bike ride beginning at Millrace Park and traveling the Jordan River Parkway trail to Little Confluence Park and then heading back to Millrace Park. Pick a way to roll (mine is a kick scooter with a basket of candy) and decorate your ride or dress in your favorite costume. Then on June 25, join the 5K run at Valley Regional Park and finish with the "Float the River" event scheduled for July 16. Bring a tube, kayak, canoe or inflatable boat. None of these get-out-and-move events is timed but treats are always a great reward at the finish line.

Our Starry Nights at the new Centennial Plaza in front of City Hall kicks off May 14 with food trucks starting at 5 p.m. and a concert headlining the local rock band De Novo until 9:30. I'll see you there on Saturday evenings through August as the food trucks will be out in force. Bring chairs, your family and neighbors and plan to stay for movies or performances on the outdoor stage.

If theater is your passion, do not miss Willy Wonka Jr. at the Centennial Plaza June 8 to 10. It promises great

Summer is Filled with Fun This Year in Taylorsville

family fun while taking advantage of the natural amphitheater designed just for these events.

Start saving your items for the Great Taylorsville Clean-Up Event on June 18 at the Taylorsville High School parking lot. Traditionally, the annual collection day is held in April, but with the pandemic interfering with the event last year, it was scheduled for June. It turned out to be perfect timing for hauling recyclable items, green-yard waste, document shredding and myriad other items that appear as we start cleaning out from the winter months. Save gently used items as a thrift store will be collecting those, too. Our own Taylorsville Police will be on hand to collect unused medications to safely destroy. Wondering how to dispose of that old can of paint in your garage? Bring it over. We'll have a dumpster just for that. Check the Taylorsville City website for a list of items accepted. Note, our capacity to collect items is limited to residents and not commercial entities.

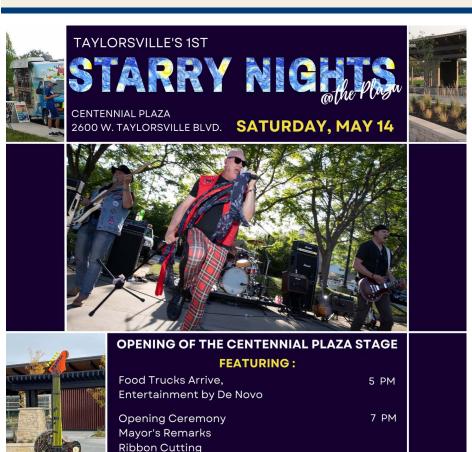
If you didn't know, Taylorsville is known for the spectacular Taylorsville Dayzz extravaganza with the most popular fireworks show in the valley. Celebrate with us June 23, 24 and 25. Events include a petting zoo, rides, food booths, a 5K run and evening concerts. Have a useful product to sell? Consider reserving a booth and introduce your treasures to a new group of folks. Find applications for booths and vendors at taylorsvilledayzz.com



Bob Knudsen (District 5), Curt Cochran (District 2), Anna Barbieri, Chair (District 3), Meredith Harker, Vice Chair (District 4) and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

In July, Taylorsville Arts Council is presenting another impressive performance, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, from July 11 to 16. If you have not yet been to the new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center at Taylorsville's Centennial Plaza, this is a great time to check it out. The Arts Center is a treasure with the finest acoustics, seating and amenities not found in many local performing art centers. With sizzling summer temperatures in July, get your tickets for a cool evening indoors and enjoy a fun play with some of the best Broadway music.

Did I fill up your calendar yet? If not, check out the Taylorsville City events page and plan for a great summer just outside your front door.



De Novo Closes it Out

NUAL CLEANUP DAY



Saturday, June 18th 8AM TO NOON

@TAYLORSVILLE HIGH NORTHWEST PARKING LOT



**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING: For Taylorsville residents only



- TIRES AND MATTRESSES
- COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL
- FREON IN APPLIANCES
- **AMMUNITION**
- **MEDICAL WASTE**
- LARGE APPLIANCES

You can take motor oil to some auto parts stores or Oil Change Stations. Just verify that they are a recycling center for oil.

- **HAZARDOUS**
 - **WASTE**
- GLASS AND
- ELECTRONIC RECYCLING **WASTE**
- **DOCUMENT SHREDDING**

- HOUSEHOLD
 PRESCRIPTION **MEDICINE**
 - **BULK WASTE**
 - **WASTE**

 - DONATIONS OF
 - **GOOD QUALITY**



7:30-8:30 PM

Please contact Green Committee Advisor Ernest Burgess at 801-654-4482 or by email eburgess@taylorsvilleut.gov for more information or to volunteer.



VALLEY REGIONAL PARK, 5100 S. 2700 West



4-11 pm Carnival Bonus Night

(10 rides for \$10)

7 pm Beatles tribute band 'Imagine'

West Valley Symphony of Utah

Cannoneers of the Wasatch

9:30 pm Movie 'Ghostbusters: Afterlife'

Saturday, June 25

7 am / 5K Race

7:45 am Kids Fun Run

9 am Parade

11 am Entertainment, Food & Craft Booths, Car Show, Carnival, Pony Rides,

Petting Zoo

'Abbacadabra' — the

ultimate ABBA tribute

for every generation!

band. A MUST SEE show

4-11 pm Carnival Rides 7:30 pm

6:30 pm Taylorsville-SLCC

10 pm

Friday, June 24

Orchestra performs

8 pm Shania Twain, Pat Benatar and

Dolly Parton tributes

Expanded Fireworks!!

www.taylorsvilledayzz.com

8:30 pm Skydivers

10 pm Fireworks Extravaganza!!

Jim Dunnigan 801-840-1800



Getting to Know

TVPD

Experience Defines TVPD's Violent Crimes Investigation Unit

Get to know the new TVPD. Check this space each month for articles highlighting the units and employees that make up the Taylorsville City Police Department.

TVPD's Violent Crimes Investigation Unit is supervised by Sgt. Cheshire and falls under our Special Operations Division, supervised by Deputy Chief Miller. As mentioned in our Journal article last month, this unit includes a special victims' unit, domestic violence unit, mental health unit and a victim's advocate unit.

Our violent crimes unit, consisting of two full-time detectives and a sergeant, has more than 61 years in combined law enforcement experience. At its helm, Sgt. Cheshire joined us from West Valley Police Department with an impressive résumé. He has



served as a patrol officer, K-9 handler, special investigations detective, narcotics detective, hostage negotiator, special victims' detective, patrol sergeant and violent crimes sergeant. Joining Sg. Cheshire are Dets. Barrett and Tan.

Det. Barrett has a bachelor's degree in history, served in the United States Army for five years and has 31 years of law enforcement experience. He has worked for Adult Probation

and Parole, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office/Unified Police Department, Veteran Affairs Police, West Valley Police Department and the Taylorsville Police Department. Det. Barrett has experience in patrol, corrections, property crimes, school resource programs, gang investigations, K-9 and violent crimes.

Det. Tan has more than nine years of law enforcement experience. He majored in

education and was working a successful career in the private sector but decided he wanted to serve his community. So he changed his career path and began working with the West Valley Police Department. There, he gained extensive experience in investigations before hiring on with TVPD. Det. Tan has worked in patrol, street crimes, violent crimes and homicide investigations. He was also a member of the U.S. Marshals Service's specialized task force unit, assisting in the apprehension of violent fugitives.

The Violent Crimes Investigation Unit oversees investigations related to person's crimes, including homicide investigations, robberies, kidnappings, aggravated assaults, assaults, missing children and unattended deaths. Our unit is also a part of the Salt Lake County officer-involved critical incident protocol team.

As TVPD officially began operations on July 1, 2021, Chief Cottam's goal was to hire an extensive group of well-qualified officers who could hit the ground running. A couple of cases involving work by the violent crimes unit emphasize this accomplishment:

- Twenty-three days after TVPD officially began taking calls for service, officers responded to an attempted homicide. Officers and the detectives with this unit began a thorough investigation, and they had a suspect in custody within about 10 hours. The suspect had fled the state of Utah and was arrested outside Wells, Nev.
- In early March 2022, TVPD's Violent Crimes Investigations Unit arrested a suspect accused in multiple robberies. The suspect, Thomas Riessen, was a federal fugitive and was suspected of committing three robberies in Taylorsville and multiple others in Salt Lake and Utah counties, including six banks, a convenient store, grocery store and department store. Riessen was ultimately located and arrested at a residence outside of Taylorsville.

TVPD is honored to have an outstanding team of detectives working as part of this unit.

TVPD Employee of the Month

Please join us in congratulating Evidence Manager Paula Lozano as our latest employee of the month. Prior to joining TVPD upon its formation, she worked for West Valley Police Department. As part of WVPD, she served as a police officer for 16 years,

evidence technician for 10 years and was a founding member of their peer support team. Paula brings that same philosophy of peer support with her to TVPD.

She was born in Mexico, raised in east Los Angeles and regularly shares her culture experiences with us. She loves cooking and we love partaking of all the delicious food she brings us. The various acts of service she provides to her fellow co-workers is the embodiment of what peer support is all about.

Paula was nominated for employee of the month by Chief Cottam, who said she is "extremely valuable" and a "key member of the Taylorsville Police Department." He credits Paula with developing and structuring "a credible and organized evidence program."



She has "worked diligently from the beginning to ensure that every evidentiary item was property packaged, accounted for and documented," he said. This is a crucial role, as every item collected by TVPD must have a clear and undisputable tracking system in place. Additionally, proven storage and control methods must be utilized to maintain the evidentiary value of collected items.

Thank you, Paula, for your dedication to TVPD and Team Taylorsville!



TVPD INVITES YOU TO MEET OUR OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL

It's an Open House with the Taylorsville City Police Department

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Taylorsville City Hall 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.



TVPD personnel will be both inside and outside of City Hall where they'll showcase their respective roles and responsibilities. Meet TVPD leaders, K-9 and investigations units, victim's advocates, patrol officers, etc. We look forward to getting together!

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES



The Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center gives school tours to thirdand fourth-graders during the month of May.

Some of the most entertaining items that are featured with the children during tours at the museum are the marbles, including even a homemade marble. The students also enjoy seeing the spinning top, as well as the metal jacks and its bouncy ball, and they all love learning

about a game called Jacob's Ladder that is made simply of a ribbon and wood blocks.

These are games that today's kids usually no longer know how to play. So teaching them about historic games is so much fun for the museum guides. Another item the museum guides talk about is the tea set. The girls

especially like this collection. Glass plates and cups, but plastic cutlery, are on display. Tea party anyone?

See these toys and much more in person at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center. The museum is open Tuesday mornings, 9 to 1 p.m., Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. You can also take a virtual tour of the museum at *www. taylorsvilleut.gov*





TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

Catch the Latest Happenings at the Senior Center

Lunch is available at the Taylorsville Senior Center for seniors age 60 and over from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$4.

The center is also bringing Drums Alive back. Starting June 1, it will be hosted every Wednesday at 2 p.m. "This class is a fun way to add physical activity into your day," said Center Program Coordinator Grace Kelly. "We are excited to bring it back and to see everyone there."

Contact the center with any questions. You can also visit the Taylorsville Senior Center's website at www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center for menu and activities information. The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive and can be reached by phone at 801-385-3370.

Don't Miss These Library Events

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of May. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:



VIRTUAL ADULT LECTURE | Introduction to Space Systems

Monday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Register at: thecountylibrary.org/LectureSeries

Phil Scott, an Optical Engineer from the Space Dynamics Laboratory, will present on space science and engineering. He will highlight some of the exciting, recent and upcoming NASA missions.

Scott earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Brigham Young University-Idaho and a master's and Ph.D. in optical sciences from the University of Arizona, where he specialized in adaptive optics. He has worked at the Space Dynamics Laboratory for four years creating optical systems for use on satellites, and he enjoys designing and testing systems intended for extreme environments.

MAY THE 4TH | Star Wars Interactive Adventure

Wednesday, May 4 to Saturday, May 7

Celebrate May the 4th. Come to the Taylorsville Library for a Star Wars library adventure.

VIRTUAL ADULT LECTURE | Polynesian Tattoos: A Legacy

Monday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Register at: the countylibrary.org/LectureSeries

Tattoo artist, Taki Vea of Fala O Niuvakai will discuss the ancient art & craft of Polynesian tattooing.

Vea grew up in Tonga where the ancient art and craft of tattooing (tātatau) was a big part of his culture. His initial exposure to traditional tattooing started in 2006, a decade after he got his first tattoo, when his uncle asked him for a tātatau. Picking up the homemade machine and ink, made from the bark of mangroves and hibiscus trees, set Vea on the path of this ancient art form. He eventually opened his own tattoo shop, Fala O Niuvakai in Utah, where he is able to share what he loves.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Monday, May 30, all day — The library will be closed all day for Memorial Day.





MAY UPDATES

Taylorsville Recycling and Contamination

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District recently had a sample sort at the waste management recycling center where Taylorsville's recycling is delivered. That sort showed a contamination rate of 43.9%, for the specific neighborhood the recycling came from.

Keep in mind that the current 43.9% contamination rate is just a snapshot of about 500-600 pounds of all the material collected in Taylorsville that is pulled out for the sample sort. The recycling facility staff sort materials into separate piles (plastics, paper, garbage, etc.). When the pile is completely sorted out into specific materials, the contamination or trash is weighed and turned into a percentage. Our community can lower this percentage by working together to reduce recycling contamination.

What is recycling contamination? Every day, WFWRD collects your recyclables and drops them off at a local sorting facility. Unfortunately, some of the materials collected cannot be recycled and are considered trash, like garbage bags, packaging plastics, wire and food.

Recycling contamination affects the recycling process by jamming the sorting machines, causing delays. Recycling contamination also happens when trash such as food or liquid ruins otherwise good recyclables during the sorting process.

One way to improve recycling in Taylorsville is by reducing the amount of flimsy plastic that is placed in curbside recycling bins. Remember, if it is plastic and you can ball it up in your fist, it is garbage.

2022 Driver of the Year



Congratulations to Chuck Orencole, who was recognized as the National Waste & Recycling Association's 2022 Driver of the Year for the Public Sector. The award is presented to the driver who exemplifies safe and responsible operations, has outstanding performance records and whose contributions have enhanced the overall safety and image of the solid waste industry.

Orencole has been an operator with Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District since July 2011. The district has been competing in this national competition since 2011, and since that time, it has had six driver of the year award winners and four runner-up winners, with Orencole being the sixth. The National Waste & Recycling Association will present the award May 10 at the Waste Expo in Las Vegas.

Did You Know? Water is More Than H20



Have you ever wondered why, at times, water can have a differing odor, taste or appearance? These aesthetic characteristics usually do not pose a public health threat but may be noticed.



One of the odors that can occur in drinking water is a chlorinous or "swimming pool" odor.

Regulated chlorine in drinking water is not harmful, but some people are more sensitive to the taste and smell of chlorine than others. Chlorine is essential to protect public health and is therefore added to drinking water at the final stage of treatment. This is done in order to kill any harmful germs that may be present.

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District strives to keep chlorine levels as low as possible while still keeping our supplies safe. Chlorine concentrations can vary throughout the day and throughout the seasons.

The taste of chlorine can be reduced in water by filling a container, covering it and allowing the water to stand in the fridge until needed. You might also consider using a home treatment device such as a water filter. Generally, these are not necessary, but some customers like to use them.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org. Follow TBID on Facebook and Twitter.

